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Madrid, Spain*

## **MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS**

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*The following message is for maximum dissemination to U.S. Citizens*

### **New IRS Form for Overseas Taxpayers**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released a new Form 8938 that requires taxpayers to report on certain foreign financial assets for tax year 2011. The Form 8938 (Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets) should be filed by taxpayers with specific types and amounts of foreign financial assets or foreign accounts. It is important for taxpayers to determine whether they are subject to this new requirement because the law imposes significant penalties for failing to comply.

You can use Form 8938 to report the ownership of specified foreign financial assets if the total value of those assets is more than the applicable reporting threshold.

For instructions and more information on this form please visit the following web page:

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/article/0,,id=236667,00.html>

Unfortunately, we are not tax professionals here in the Consular Section. However, if you have questions you can contact the IRS office in the U.S. Embassy in Paris. They can be reached at +33 (01) 4312-2555, Monday – Friday, from 9:00AM – 12:00PM and 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM (CET). Taxpayers can also contact the service center in Philadelphia at +1 267-941-1000, Monday – Friday, from 6:00AM – 11PM (EST), or via mail at the following address:

Internal Revenue Service  
International Accounts  
Philadelphia, PA 19255-0725



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We encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad to enroll in the Department of [State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Following is the contact information of our Embassy in Madrid and Consulate General in Barcelona. All contact numbers and addresses are also available on [our website](#).

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After-hours emergencies: (34) 91 587 2220  
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Paseo Reina Elisenda de Montcada, 23  
08034 Barcelona  
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After-hours emergencies: (34) 91 587 2220  
E-mail: [Consularbarcel@state.gov](mailto:Consularbarcel@state.gov).



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